

**REMARKS**

The allowance of claims 14-22, 25, 26 and 29-35 is noted with appreciation.

The previous amendment to the specification at page 6, lines 10-17, which has been objected to as new matter has been cancelled, thereby obviating the objection. Likewise the rejection of claims 2 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite has been obviated by cancellation of such claims.

All rejected claims, namely, claims 1-13, 23, 24, 27 and 28 have been cancelled, thereby obviating the various rejections under Sections 102 and 103 on pages 3-7 of the Office action.

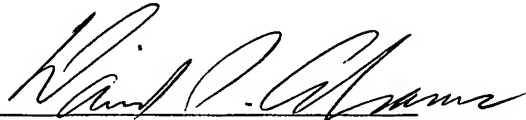
Allowed claims 14-17, 20 and 21 have been amended to recite that a metallic catalytic compound is utilized in the process, which would include the cobalt of the allowed claims. Support for this amendment is found in the specification in original claims 2, 8 and 9, as well as on page 4, lines 27-28; page 6, lines 18-26; page 7, lines 2-3 and line 21 to page 8, line 17; and original claims 2, 8 and 9, which refer to a compound of the metallic element having catalytic ability.

Since none of the references of record disclose or render obvious amended claim 14 or the claims dependent therefrom, it is submitted that previously allowed claims 14-22, 25, 26 and 29-35, as amended, are allowable for substantially the same reasons such claims were previously allowed. New claims 36-40 are dependent from claim 14 and are likewise allowable. Support for such new claims is found in the paragraph bridging pages 6-7, and original claims 27 and 28.

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For the foregoing reasons, the claims are now in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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